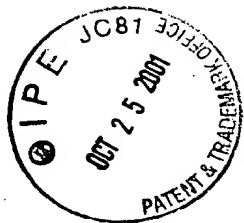


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Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated September 26, 2001, in which Claims 1-30 were subject to restriction and/or election requirement, applicants file this response.

Applicants' attorney thanks Examiner Gollamudi Kishore for clarifying by telephone that applicants are required to select one species for prosecution on the merits. Should the generic Claim 1 be allowed, applicants will be entitled to consideration of claims for remaining seven species which are dependent on the generic claim as provided by 37 CFR 1.141. Of the eight species identified in the Action, applicants select d) representing the disinfectants. Claims 1,5, 12-30 are elected for prosecution.

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